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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): MATSUOKA, Hitoshi; FUKUTA, Kenji

For: ION EXCHANGE MEMBRANE AND PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Thirty-eight (38) pages
- ☒ One (1) sheet(s) formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority
- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2002-377454 filed in Japan on December 26, 2002.
  - ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
  - ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration (☒ Original ☐ Photocopy)
- ☒ An assignment of the invention

- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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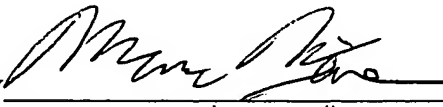
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Respectfully submitted,

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